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SUBJ: RESUMPTION OF RELATIONS WITH AFGHANISTAN

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1. UPON RECEIPT REFTEL JULY 22 I INSTRUCTED EMBOFF TO SEEK OUT DR. WAHED KARIM, DIREGN POLAFFS AND RANKING OFFICER MFA AND REQUEST EARLY APPOINTMENT WHICH WAS SET FOR 1015 HOURS KABUL TIME.
2. I INFORMD DR. KARIM THAT I HAD RECEIVED INSTRUCTIONS DURING THE PRECEDING NIGHT TO INFORM GOA OF OUR DESIRE TO CONTINUE THE LONG-STANDING WARM RELATIONS WHICH HAVE SO LONG EXISTED BETWEEN OUR COUNTRIES.
3. KARIM EXPRESSED DELIGHT AND SATISFACTION AND ASKED IF I HAD ANYTHING IN WRITING. I REPLIED THAT MY INSTRUCTIONS WERE TO MAKE AN ORAL PRESENTATION BUT THAT I HAD PREPARED IN ADVANCE A MEMORANDUM OF CONVERSATION WHICH I HANDED HIM. FOLLOWS TEXT:

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QUOTE: JULY 22, MEMORANDUM OF CONVERSATION. PRESENT:
THE HONORABLE ROBERT G. NEUMANN, AMBASSADOR OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA; HIS EXCELLENCY, DR. WAHED KARIM, DIRECTOR GENERAL OF POLITICAL AFFAIRS, MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS,

REPUBLIC OF AFGHANISTAN.

ON JULY 22, 1973 AT 10:15 AM, THE AMBASSADOR OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, THE HONORABLE ROBERT G. NEUMANN CALLED ON HIS EXCELLENCY, DR. WAHED KARIM, DIRECTOR GENERAL OF POLITICAL AFFAIRS, MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, REPUBLIC OF AFGHANISTAN, TO INFORM HIM THAT THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA SEEKS TO CONTINUE THE LONG-STANDING, WARM RELATIONS WITH THE REPUBLIC OF AFGHANISTAN. (END OF TEXT.) UNQUOTE

4. DR. KARIM THEN ASKED ME IF THERE WAS ANY OBJECTION TO THE GOA ANNOUNCING THIS EVENT. I REPLIED THAT THIS WAS ENTIRELY UP TO THE THE GOA BUT I HOPED THE ANNOUNCEMENT WOULD STAY AS CLOSE AS POSSIBLE TO THE TEXT (FYI: THIS IS WHY I PREPARED MEMCON). AS TO THE USG I EXPECTED USG WOULD RESPOND IN AN APPROPRIATE MANNER TO ANY GIVEN INQUIRY WHICH, IN MY PERSONAL OPINION, WAS LIKELY TO BE MADE.

5. DR. KARIM THEN RESPONDED "OFFICIALLY AS WELL AS "PERSONALLY" THAT HE WAS DEEPLY TOUCHED BY THIS GESTURE OF FRIENDSHIP BY THE UNITED STATES WHICH WOULD CERTAINLY MAKE RELATIONS EVEN STRONGER AND WARMER THAN IN THE PAST.

6. AFTER APPROPRIATE COUNTER COMPLIMENTS I EXPRESSED A DESIRE TO PRESENT MY COMPLIMENTS TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC AND DR. KARIM REPLIED THAT THIS WOULD PROBABLY HAPPEN SOMETIME LATER TODAY. (THIS MAKES IT IMPERATIVE THAT I IMMEDIATELY RECEIVE SEPTTEL INDICATED IN REFTTEL PARA THREE).

7. I BELIEVE WE HAVE DONE THE RIGHT THING IN THE BEST POSSIBLE MANNER. I AM GRATIFIED THAT DEPT AND MISSION THINKING HAS RUN ON IDENTICAL LINES AND THAT WE HAVE BEEN USEFUL IN ESTABLISHING A PRECEDENT IN RECOGNITION PROCEDURE WHICH SHOULD SERVE USG INTERESTS BETTER THAN EARLIER MODELS.

8. FINALLY I WANT TO EXPRESS ADMIRATION AND APPRECIATION TO ASSISTANT SECRETARY SISCO AND ALL OTHER OFFICERS INVOLVED
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WHO HAVE MOVED SO SPEEDILY AND DECISIVELY.

9. MAY YOU LIVE IN INTERESTING TIMES.
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